Christ Church C of E Primary School

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Dear families,

I am really excited to be teaching your child in Year 6; we have an enriching and engaging year ahead full of many interesting learning experiences and topics. In this letter, I will give you a little more information about how life in Y6 works. Please do come and say hello at the end of the school day, or if you see me around school, so that I can put names to faces – it is very important to me that we have a strong home-school partnership, so please ask and talk!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer, enjoyed the sunshine and are ready to hear about the exciting challenges and experiences that Year 6 will hold for your child. It will be a fantastic year.

Please find below some information regarding this year:

On the week commencing Monday 14th September, we will be taking part in Bikeability - please refer to previous correspondence from the office regarding this. During these four days, please **send your child to school wearing their PE kit and trainers (a school polo top, house T-shirt or plain white T-shirt is fine).** Your child must have: a roadworthy bike without stabilisers and a helmet. Bikes can be brought onto site on the Monday morning and parked in designated areas on the playground. We encourage children's bikes to be taken home each evening. If needed, bikes can be left on site overnight, but we cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage (we would recommend a bike lock also).

Swimming sessions will take place on a Wednesday morning, starting on Wednesday 23rd September. Your child will need appropriate swimwear, goggles and a towel brought into school every Wednesday morning.

PE kit should be in school every day please in case of timetable changes. All PE kit should be clearly labelled. Long hair must be tied up for PE.

Mrs Burton will be teaching Y6 on a Wednesday afternoon, as this is my PPA slot.

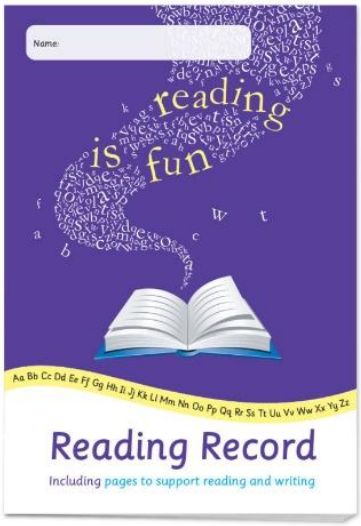
We are very lucky to have Mrs Parr and Mrs Jaynes as our class teaching partners. Mr Hofman and Mrs Sugur will also support in class throughout different points of the week. What a wonderful team we have!

Equipment:
All equipment is provided in class, so pencil cases are not needed. May I remind you that your child should bring a water bottle to school each day - this can stay on the floor by their desk so that they can keep hydrated when needed! Please ensure that they also have a waterproof coat.

No jewelry should be worn to school other than one pair of stud earrings (if your child has their ears pierced) and a wristwatch (no smart watches are allowed).

Autumn Term Theme:
This term, we will be leaning about the Battle of Tewkesbury in History. If you have any resources, skills or knowledge that could prove useful to us in class this term, please feel free to contact school. Keep an eye on the Year 6 page on the school website to keep up to date with events and activities during the term.

Homework and Reading:
Reading –Year 6 children must read regularly at home and please remember that reading records and reading books should be taken home each night and then brought back to school the next morning. Reading records will be monitored each Friday morning. We expect the children to read at least **four times a week at home and to record a full comment** each time they read (parents can also record comments when they have listened to their child read).



Maths and English – pages will be set each Friday from the Maths and English CGP books which will be given to your child (starting from Friday 11th September). These workbooks must be returned by the following Wednesday so that we can collaboratively mark and go through the answers in class. All of the pages set must be completed. Your child is responsible for keeping this workbook safe (as they will have to at secondary school) – we cannot replace lost copies, and would therefore expect parents to do so.

Spelling - Spelling homework will be going home on a Monday and should be completed and returned by Thursday. Children will have a spelling test in class on Friday. Spelling homework will incorporate handwriting practice. We will be practising spellings regularly as part of our morning sessions.

Our focus for the autumn term is very much on spelling fluency and quality reading across a range of genres for all of our Year 6 pupils. Please support your child as much as possible with this.

Reading Top Tips and Recommendations:
At the very centre of inspiring reading for pleasure in Year 6 is the element of choice. Readers who are motivated to choose to read are often the ones who are best able to exercise agency over where, when, what and how, knowing that they can read at their own pace in their own way. Key to this is providing a wide range of appealing and age-appropriate texts for readers to explore. Being exposed to different styles, formats and genres helps children to define themselves as readers, to have a range of alternatives to choose next if something they read is not for them and to make choices about the books that will give them the reading buzz. This process is crucial for children to develop the intrinsic motivation to read and to lay the foundations of a lifelong love of reading.

At the ages of 10 and 11, most children are able to read chapter books and to think critically about what they read. They begin to enjoy multi-layered stories that present different characters' viewpoints about key issues, and to think deeply about books that explore relevant social issues. Also popular with this age group are graphic novels, funny books and illustrated non-fiction that delves deeply into a particular topic of interest. Storytime with adults continues to be important and enjoyed at this age - despite the high level of independence at the ages of 10 and 11, nothing can replicate the magic of a shared reading experience.

Books for Year 6 – Recommendations:

- Nightfall in New York by Katherine Woodfine
- Absolutely Everything by Christopher Lloyd
- A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
- Illegal by Eoin Colfer
- Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

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I look forward to the year ahead!

Kind wishes,

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